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President:	Ms. Løj	(Denmark)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. García Moritán
	China	Mr. Guan Jian
	Congo	Mr. Maboundou
	France	Mrs. Collet
	Ghana	Mr. Afriyie
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Tajima
	Peru	Ms. Tincopa
	Qatar	Mr. Al-Thani
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	Slovakia	Mr. Mlynár
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Llewellyn
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mrs. Taj
	United States of America	Ms. Willson

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The meeting was called to order at 12.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Liberia and Sierra Leone, in which they request to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite those representatives to participate in the consideration without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Osode (Liberia) and Mr. Pemagbi (Sierra Leone) took seats at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2006/405, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to document S/2006/207, containing a letter dated 31 March 2006 from the Netherlands, and document S/2006/406, containing a letter dated 15 June 2006 from the United Kingdom.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution. Unless I hear any objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, China, Congo, Denmark, France, Ghana, Greece, Japan, Peru, Qatar, Russian Federation, Slovakia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America.

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1688 (2006).

I shall now give the floor to those members of the Council who wish to make statements following the voting.

Mr. Dolgov (Russian Federation) (*spoke in Russian*): The Russian Federation shares the view of members of the Security Council on the need to hold a trial for former Liberian President Charles Taylor away from the seat of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. We note the constructive role played by the Governments of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, the authorities at the International Criminal Court and the States parties to the Court's Statute in connection with transferring the trial to The Hague.

At the same time, we would like to inform the members of the Council about how we understand the resolution that has just been adopted.

The Russian Federation believes that, for the purposes of this resolution, action under Chapter VII of the Charter is unique and exceptional in nature, and does not set a precedent for resolving similar issues in the same way.

The President: The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.